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Proceeding	91196483
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In the matter of Trademark App For the mark COVERT,	olication Serial No. 85002088
COVERT SKATE, INC DBA COVERT SKATE SHOP	-
Plaintiff, v.	Opposition No. 91196483
KURTIS Roderick Beckstrom	
Defendant.	

#### **536 MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Pursuant to Motion 536, the Plaintiff asks the TTAB to reconsider and grant motion in favor of opposition no. 91196483. The Plaintiff has attempted through discovery, with the Defendant and his counsel, to reach an agreement. The notes from the Discovery Conference of November 2010 indicate that the Defendant's counsel was to correspond with the Plaintiff within one week of the conference his intention for continuing to pursue the COVERT mark. The Defendant's counsel failed to respond.

In December of 2011, the Defendant contacted the Plaintiff through the social networking site Facebook, with a request to resolve the opposition. The Plaintiff responded in agreement to finding a resolution. However, as of February 2012, the Defendant has made no further contact.

As it shows, the Plaintiff has made effort to reach an agreement with the Defendant and his counsel regarding the COVERT mark on more than one occasion; whereas, the Defendant has not followed through.

Let the disclosures following this letter show the TTAB the Plaintiff's interest in continuing the opposition and a motion be granted in the Plaintiff's favor.

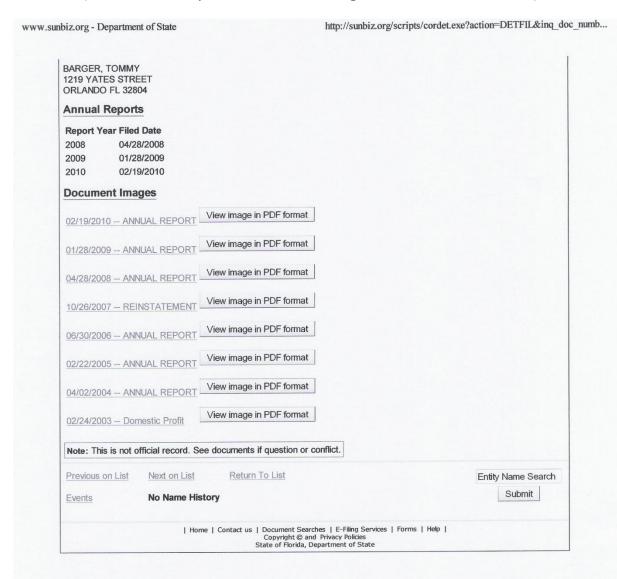
The following statements and exhibits support the Plaintiff's opposition to the Defendant's application for the mark of COVERT. The Plaintiff believes that he will be damaged by the approval of the mark to the Defendant, and hereby opposes the same. The Plaintiff asks that the TTAB dismiss the Defendant's application for the COVERT mark with prejudice.

- 1. Covert Skate Shop has been in business since February 2003(exhibit A).
- 2. Covert Skate Shop has been producing and selling its Covert merchandise since 2005(exhibit B, C).
- Covert Skate Shop's Covert brand is sold locally in store and nationally through the Covert Skate Shop website <u>www.thinklivecovert.com</u> (exhibit D).
- 4. Covert Skate Shop is recognized the most through major search engines such as Google under the categories of Covert Skate Shop, Covert skate boards, and Covert skateboarding (exhibits E, F & G).

#### Exhibit A (Division of Corporations showing initial filing date of 2/23/2003)

http://sunbiz.org/scripts/cordet.exe?action=DETFIL&inq\_doc\_numb... www.sunbiz.org - Department of State Florida Department of State Division of C or porations Return To List Previous on List Next on List No Name History Events **Detail by Entity Name** Florida Profit Corporation COVERT SKATE, INC. **Filing Information** Document Number P03000022572 FEI/EIN Number 593768580 02/24/2003 Date Filed FL State ACTIVE Status CANCEL ADM DISS/REV Last Event Event Date Filed 10/26/2007 **Event Effective Date NONE Principal Address** 2428 E. ROBINSON STREET ORLANDO FL 32803 Changed 06/30/2006 **Mailing Address** 2428 E. ROBINSON STREET ORLANDO FL 32803 Changed 10/26/2007 Registered Agent Name & Address BARGER, TOMMY VP 1219 YATES STREET ORLANDO FL 32804 Name Changed: 10/26/2007 Address Changed: 01/28/2009 Officer/Director Detail Name & Address Title P DURHAM, WILLIAM F 1002 E. JACKSON ST ORLANDO FL 32801 Title VP

#### Exhibit A (Division of Corporations initial filing information continued)



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Exhibit B (Showing an example of COVERT branded merchandise)



### Exhibit C (Invoice showing sale of COVERT branded merchandise nationally)

09/06/2008

From Covert Skate Shop 2428 East Robinson Street Orlando Fl. 32803 407.228.0804

To Boone Rogers 4743 Iroquois Ave San Diego, CA 92117 619.251.4359

Quantity	Description	Price	Total
1 x 8.50	COVERT digital Army Ltd. Ed. S	Skate Deck \$45	<b>\$4</b> 5
Shipping	Free Adidas poster and stickers		<b>\$</b> 15
Total			\$60

Thank you for your order Boone. Please call us with any questions.

COVERT SKATE SHOP staff

#### Exhibit D (COVERT branded merchandise from Covert Skate Shop website)

Covert Skate Shop - Locals Only

http://covertskateshop.bigcartel.com/category/locals-only

COVERT HOME

**Covert Skate Shop** 



**Locals Only** 



Covert -"We Are Here To Help" Tee

\$20.00



COVERT x Andrew Spear x Rock Skateboard Deck

\$40.00



Sold Out Covert-"We Are Here To Help" Board

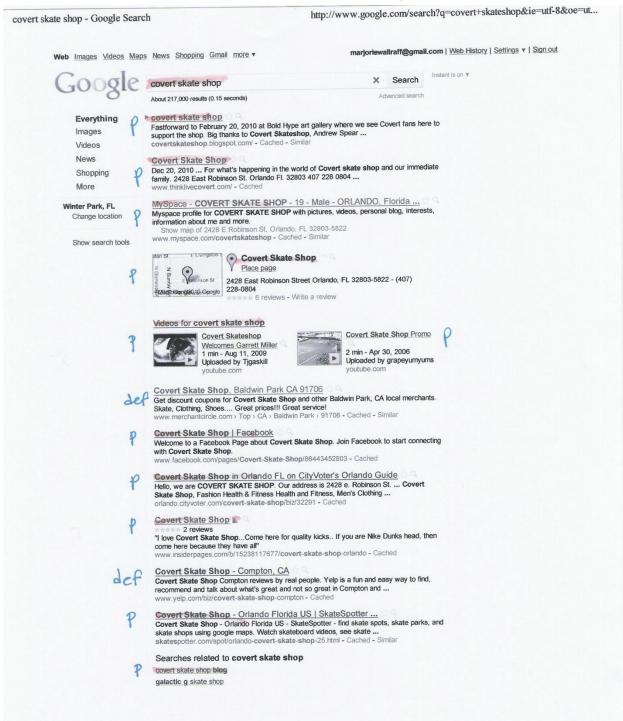
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Andrew Spear x COVERT Rock Tee

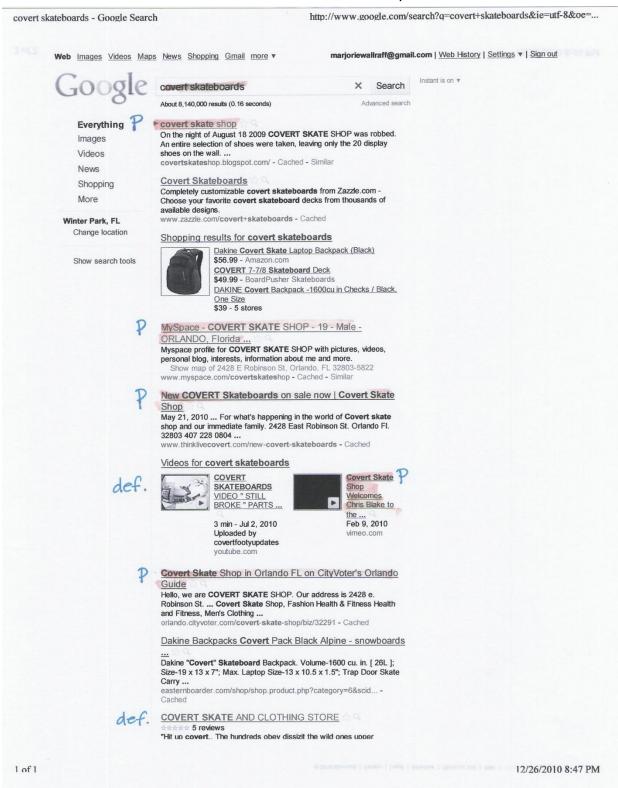
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## Exhibit E (showing Plaintiff's national recognition where "P" shows Plaintiff information and "def" shows Defendant information)

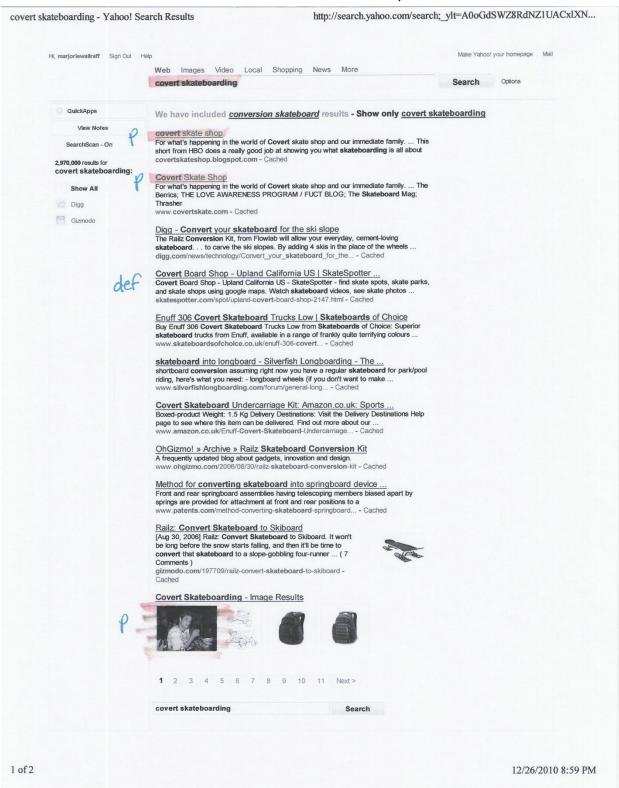


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# Exhibit F (showing Plaintiff's national recognition where "P" shows Plaintiff information and "def" shows Defendant information)



## Exhibit G (showing Plaintiff's national recognition where "P" shows Plaintiff information and "def" shows Defendant information)



As shown through the above exhibits, Covert Skate Shop's COVERT brand is recognized and sold nationally. Allowing the Defendant to obtain the mark will inhibit the Plaintiff's branding, and will cause further confusion among the Plaintiff's customers and vendors. The COVERT brand is the core of Covert Skate Shop's business and sales, and allowing the Defendant to obtain the mark will harm the Plaintiff's business and the name they've worked hard to build over the last nine years.

The Plaintiff respectfully asks the TTAB to dismiss with prejudice, the Defendant's claim to the COVERT mark based on the above information as well as common law. The Plaintiff also asks the board to dismiss the Defendant's claim with prejudice on basis doctrines of acquiescence and laches.

Respectfully submitted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012

/Thomas J Barger/

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